
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 31—COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 16, 2022

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Makes Juneteenth a legal holiday in this State.
(BDR 19-413)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to legal holidays; making Juneteenth Day a legal holiday in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law declares certain days as legal holidays in this State and requires,
2 with certain exceptions, all state, county and city offices, courts, public schools and
3 the Nevada System of Higher Education to close on such legal holidays. (NRS
4 236.015) Existing law further requires the Governor to annually proclaim June 19
5 to be “Juneteenth Day” in the State of Nevada to commemorate the abolition of
6 slavery in the United States. (NRS 236.033)

7 **Section 1** of this bill makes Juneteenth Day a legal holiday in this State, rather
8 than a day of observance. **Section 1** further provides that Juneteenth Day is to be
9 observed on the third Monday in June.

10 **Section 2** of this bill makes a conforming change to account for the closure of
11 state, county and city governmental offices on the third Monday in June.

12 **Section 3** of this bill makes a conforming change to repeal the requirement that
13 the Governor proclaim June 19th to be “Juneteenth Day” in the State of Nevada as
14 a day of observance.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 236.015 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 236.015 1. The following days are declared to be legal
3 holidays for state, county and city governmental offices:



1 January 1 (New Year's Day)
2 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday is on January 15 but is to
3 be observed on the third Monday in January
4 Washington's birthday is on February 22 but is to be
5 observed on the third Monday in February
6 Last Monday in May (Memorial Day)
7 *Juneteenth Day is on June 19 but is to be observed on the*
8 *third Monday in June*
9 July 4 (Independence Day)
10 First Monday in September (Labor Day)
11 Nevada Day is October 31 but is to be observed on the last
12 Friday in October
13 November 11 (Veterans Day)
14 Fourth Thursday in November (Thanksgiving Day)
15 Friday following the fourth Thursday in November (Family
16 Day)
17 December 25 (Christmas Day)
18 Any day that may be appointed by the President of the United
19 States for public fast, thanksgiving or as a legal holiday
20 except for any Presidential appointment of the fourth
21 Monday in October as Veterans Day.

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23 2. Except as otherwise provided by NRS 293.560 and
24 293C.527, all state, county and city offices, courts, public schools
25 and the Nevada System of Higher Education must close on the legal
26 holidays enumerated in subsection 1 unless in the case of appointed
27 holidays all or a part thereof are specifically exempted.

28 3. If January 1, July 4, November 11 or December 25 falls
29 upon a:

30 (a) Sunday, the Monday following must be observed as a legal
31 holiday.

32 (b) Saturday, the Friday preceding must be observed as a legal
33 holiday.

34 **Sec. 2.** NRS 293.165 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 293.165 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 293.166, a
36 vacancy occurring in a major or minor political party nomination for
37 a partisan office may be filled by a candidate designated by the
38 party central committee of the county or State, as the case may be,
39 of the major political party or by the executive committee of the
40 minor political party subject to the provisions of subsections 3, 4
41 and 5.

42 2. A vacancy occurring in a nonpartisan office or nomination
43 for a nonpartisan office after the close of filing and before 5 p.m. of
44 the fourth Friday in July of the year in which the general election is
45 held must be filled by the person who receives or received the next



1 highest vote for the nomination in the primary election if a primary
2 election was held for that nonpartisan office. If no primary election
3 was held for that nonpartisan office or if there was not more than
4 one person who was seeking the nonpartisan nomination in the
5 primary election, a person may become a candidate for the
6 nonpartisan office at the general election if the person files a
7 declaration of candidacy with the appropriate filing officer and pays
8 the filing fee required by NRS 293.193 after 8 a.m. on the *day*
9 *immediately following the* third Monday in June and before 5 p.m.
10 on the fourth Friday in July.

11 3. If a vacancy occurs in a major political party nomination for
12 a partisan office after the primary election and before 5 p.m. on the
13 fourth Friday in July of the year in which the general election is held
14 and:

15 (a) The vacancy occurs because the nominee dies or is
16 adjudicated insane or mentally incompetent, the vacancy may be
17 filled by a candidate designated by the party central committee of
18 the county or State, as the case may be, of the major political party.

19 (b) The vacancy occurs for a reason other than the reasons
20 described in paragraph (a), the nominee's name must remain on the
21 ballot for the general election and, if elected, a vacancy exists.

22 4. No change may be made on the ballot for the general
23 election after 5 p.m. on the fourth Friday in July of the year in which
24 the general election is held. If, after that time and date:

25 (a) A nominee dies or is adjudicated insane or mentally
26 incompetent; or

27 (b) A vacancy in the nomination is otherwise created,
28 ➔ the nominee's name must remain on the ballot for the general
29 election and, if elected, a vacancy exists.

30 5. Each designation of a candidate provided for in this section
31 must be filed with the appropriate filing officer before 5 p.m. on the
32 fourth Friday in July of the year in which the general election is
33 held. In each case, the candidate must file a declaration of candidacy
34 with the appropriate filing officer and pay the filing fee required by
35 NRS 293.193 before 5 p.m. on the date the designation is filed.

36 **Sec. 3.** NRS 236.033 is hereby repealed.

37 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

236.033 Juneteenth Day.



1. The Governor shall annually proclaim June 19 to be “Juneteenth Day” in the State of Nevada to commemorate the abolition of slavery in the United States.

2. The proclamation must call upon the news media, educators and appropriate governmental officers to bring to the attention of Nevada’s residents the historical significance of the day when the last slaves in the United States were emancipated and the significant contributions of African-Americans to the State.

